

THE AMERICAN HOME

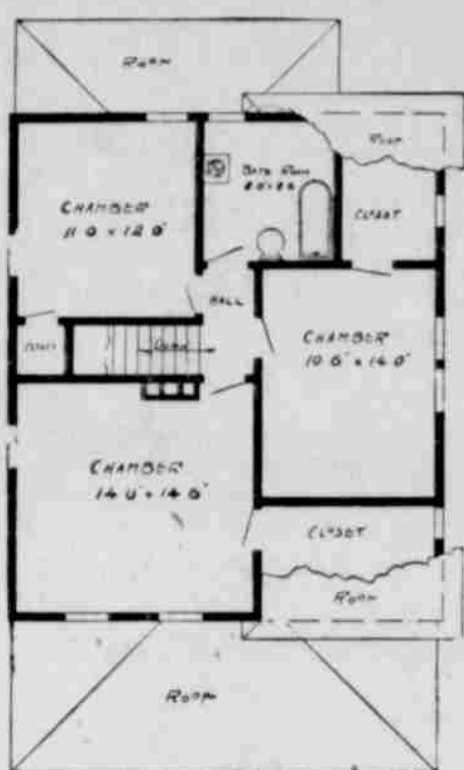
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Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 134 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

The building of a fireplace in the front hall is English. English people understand the art of hospitality better than we do. It seems perfectly easy and natural for them to give the coming guest a hearty welcome to their castle be it ever so humble. They have made a study of entertaining. It has often been said that an Englishman is more considerate of strangers than he is of the members of his own family. Be this as it may we certainly could learn a few pointers in hospitality from our English relatives.

The open fire in the hall offers a glow of warmth and a cheery welcome to the incoming guest as he enters the front hall. A bright cheerful fire quickly seconds the pleasant greeting of the host and hostess at the front door. But English hallways are different from ours. They are larger and often are used for many purposes that would not be at all suitable in halls the way they are built in this country. There is, however, an advantage in having the fireplace in a hallway constructed like the one in this plan. Because of the open stairway the heat goes upstairs to make the upper rooms comfortable. A good many fireplaces are not used because there are other means of heating the house and the additional fire in the grate is too much. Americans have never learned the art of choking the furnace off to give the grate a chance. Our abominable habit of heating the house entirely by the fire in the cellar has been worked to the extreme. The grate in the hallway by sending its heat partly upstairs is not oppressive even

cost of material is reasonable and carpenter work not excessive. This price provides for the ordinary finish in a medium priced house, but it may easily be increased by the more expensive tastes of some builders. There are persons who like to have a building more elaborate and are willing to put on the necessary expense to have it to their liking, and there are others who prefer to cut down the size in order to have the



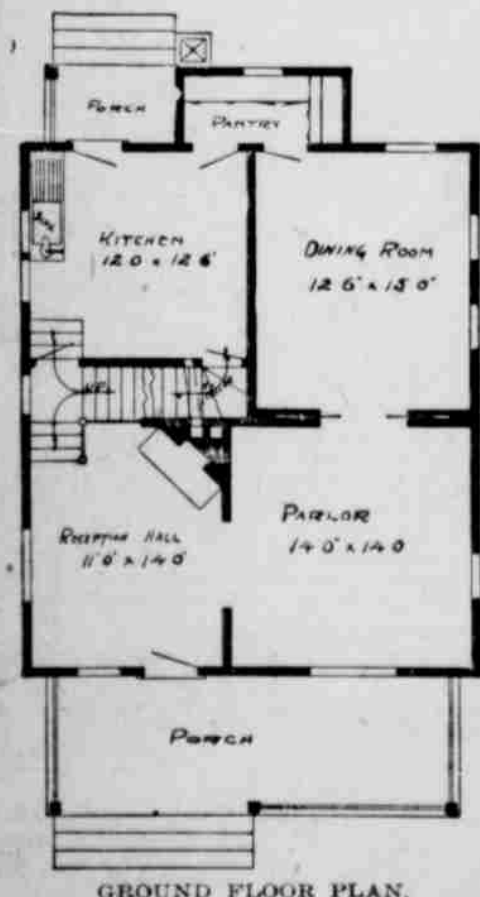
quality of wood and finish necessary to meet their ideas. A great deal depends on the size of the family.

There is a great deal in the way the business end of the house is arranged to help the housewife in her work. The kitchen is the woman's workshop. It should be large enough for convenience and comfort and it should be of the proper shape so that the stoves and necessary belong-



in our dry super-heated house atmosphere. When used as it should be an open fire also is economical.

In this plan the combination stairway leading up from the front hall and from the kitchen offers a means of carrying heat upstairs both from the kitchen range and the hall fireplace, so that the house may be made



comfortable in mild weather without starting up the furnace at all. This plan of heating the house also furnishes ventilation. Ventilation in fact is part of the heating business. Unless air circulates we cannot heat a house.

This house is 26 feet six inches wide and 30 feet 6 inches long exclusive of the porch, and the architect estimates that it may be built for from \$1,500 to \$1,800 where the

Jottings.

School district number 2 will hold a business meeting Monday evening, July 9. There will be a special meeting of the Eastern Star Wednesday July 11. Work. The annual school meeting will be held at the school house next Monday evening. One trustee will be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting. All will be glad to know that the new railroad is soon to be extended west from Paw Paw. Mr. James Grant, gen'l manager of the road, says that work will be resumed at once and rushed as fast as possible.

County School Commissioner Aseltine, who is attending the teachers' institute at Kalamazoo, informs us that there are 90 Van Buren teachers in attendance. This speaks well for the schools of Van Buren.

Lightning struck a tree in front of A. T. Stevenson's residence shortly after noon Tuesday. A piece of bark of considerable size was torn off and thrown across the street. Persons in the immediate vicinity were slightly shocked.

The village council has been improving the grounds at the water pumping station. A retaining wall has been built along the river on the south side of the grounds, and considerable filling and leveling done. The flat has been seeded, and will soon present a very pleasant appearance.

F. A. Bryan and his practical engineer, Mr. Anderson from South Bend, were here last Friday investigating the cost and feasibility of transferring the power from the electric light plant to Briggs' mill. Owing to the holiday this week nothing can be learned of a definite nature. Full particulars can probably be given next week.

Wm. Lemaux and son Max, with Ezra and wife, left this week for Sturgis, their new home. Mr. Lemaux and Ezra will open a racket store there. We understand that Mrs. Lemaux will go next week. Mr. Lemaux and his estimable family have many friends in Paw Paw who regret their departure, but unite in wishing them well in their new home.

Orno Strong of Tacoma, Wash., made us a pleasant call Thursday. Mr. Strong was at one time engaged in the newspaper business in this county, having been with the Courier 36 years ago and later edited the Lawton Tribune. He is just returning from a tour through Canada with the national editorial association. Mr. Strong now represents the West Coast Trade published at Tacoma.

Had dyspepsia or indigestion for years. No appetite and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me.—J. H. Walker, Sunbury, Ohio.

Among Our Advertisers.

Something good in the Model market adv. Read it.

Mrs. Ococh has a new and interesting announcement in this issue.

How to save money: Read Strowbridge's adv.

Can't write a new adv. Am so busy that I really haven't the time to do anything but treat the throng of customers courteously. I. Jay Cumings.

Showman Bros. are selling ladies' \$3 button shoes, sizes 2 1/4 to 4 1/4, at \$1 per pair. These are values you can't afford to miss.

Kenyon, the cigar dealer, has an adv in this issue.

For fruit baskets see Len Shepard. Adv. in another column.

New goods in the bargain basement. Come in Saturday and partake of some of the real bargains that you will find only in this popular place, Sellick's 5c and 10c bargain basement.

Not a cent wanted, unless you are cured. If you are sick and ailing take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. A great blessing to the human family. Makes you well—keeps you well. 35 cents, tea or tablets. Martin & Showman, m.

"Home Coming" August 15 to 22. Don't forget the date.

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By Paw Paw's greatest Clothiers, Hatters and FURNISHERS

MUST GO

To make room for the coming fall and winter stock, now enroute.



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The Discount Season

is now at hand, the season when the windy announcement of big discounts on summer clothing, outing suits and straw hats appear. These "spasms" come to the Great Whale Clothing Success more enthusiastically than ever, as their great stock must go to make room for the coming fall and winter line. This sale will be the greatest in their history, many of the good things being placed on sale now at

One-half Their Former Prices
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To South Dakota The Land of Bread and Butter

SOUTH DAKOTA IS LONG ON WEALTH AND SHORT ON PEOPLE.

Today it presents the best opportunities in America for those who want to get ahead on the Highway to Independence. More than 47,000,000 bushels of wheat, more than 47,000,000 bushels of corn, live stock to the value of \$41,000,000, hay to the value of \$12,000,000, and products of the mines above \$12,000,000, were some of the returns from South Dakota for 1905. With a population of only 450,000, and the annual production of new wealth above \$165,000,000, it can be readily understood why South Dakota people are prosperous and happy. The outlook for 1906 crops is the best South Dakota has ever known.

Why don't you go there and investigate the openings along the new lines of this railway for yourself?

From Chicago, and from many other points in Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri, direct service to South Dakota is offered via the

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway

Its main lines and branch lines fairly gridiron the rich agriculture and stock country of South Dakota. Its mileage in South Dakota is more than 1,200 miles, and by building of extensions is being rapidly increased.

A NEW LINE IS NOW BEING BUILT from Chamberlin, S. D., to Rapid City, S. D., through Lyman, Stanley and Pennington Counties. Some of the best opportunities for success are along these new lines. The railway company has NO farm lands for sale or rent. If you are interested it is worth while to write today for a new book on South Dakota. It will be sent free by return mail.

F. A. MILLER, General Passenger Agent,

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